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SUBJ: PRIVATE AMERICAN AND URUGUAYAN GROUPS TO MEET ON

RECENT LEGISLATION AFFECTING URUGUAY

1. PRESIDENT OF THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF URUGUAY INFORMED THE CHARGE THAT THE ASSOCIATION'S REGULARLY SCHEDULED LUNCHEON MEETING ON OCTOBER 7 WOULD BE DEVOTED TO A DISCUSSION OF "CURRENT STATUS OF US/URUGUAYAN RELATIONS". THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION HAS INVITED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAS, THE US CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, AND APICUE (ASSOCIATION FOR THE PROMOTION OF TRADE BETWEEN US AND URUGUAY) TO ATTEND.

2. AVAILABLE INFORMATION INDICATES THAT MUCH OF THE DISCUSSION WILL BE DEVOTED TO HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS, INCLUDING THE KOCH AMENDMENT, AND IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT THERE WILL BE UNRESTRAINED DISCUSSION RELATING TO US CONGRESSIONAL ACTION AND THE INDIVIDUAL POSITIONS OF CERTAIN CONGRESSMEN REGARDING HUMAN RIGHTS IN URUGUAY.

3. BECAUSE OF THIS, AND SINCE THIS IS A MEETING OF PRIVATE AMERICAN AND URUGUAYAN BUSINESS GROUPS, AND EVEN THOUGH A SUBSTANTIAL NUMBER OF EMBASSY OFFICERS ARE MEMBERS OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, THE CHARGE HAS ASKED THAT NO MEMBER OF

THIS MISSION ATTEND THE ASSOCIATION'S MEETING ON OCTOBER 7. THE CHARGE DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT EMBASSY OFFICERS SHOULD BE PLACED IN A POSITION WHERE THEY MIGHT HAVE TO ANSWER QUESTIONS OR OTHERWISE BE PRESENT AT A MEETING WHICH COULD BE ACRIMONIOUS AND PRODUCE CRITICISM OF THE US CONGRESS OR INDIVIDUAL MEMBERS THEREOF.

4. ON OCTOBER 6, THE CHARGE AND OTHER EMBASSY OFFICERS HELD A NORMAL MEETING WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF AMERICAS, A PRACTICE WHICH HAS BEEN FOLLOWED BY THIS POST FOR A NUMBER OF YEARS, FOR THE PURPOSE OF GIVING THEM A FACTUAL BRIEFING ON THE WITHDRAWAL OF THE MILITARY GROUP, THE SO-CALLED KOCH AMENDMENT, AND THE HARKINS AMENDMENT. ALL MATERIAL DISCUSSED WITH MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL WAS EXTRACTED FROM THE PUBLIC LAWS CONCERNED AND THUS CONSTITUTED MATERIAL ALREADY IN THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.
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